

REGULAR MEETING
4:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 18, 2009
Commission Room – City Hall

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. Members present: Dunn, Ervin, Woodside, Gansz, Thompson, Hieb, McMahan. Members absent: Buhta, Preston, Kealey. Guests present: Jeff Hazard, Nancy Savage, Mary Glenski.

Approval of October 14, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Woodside, second by Gansz, to approved the October 14, 2009 regular meeting minutes. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no, 1 excused.

Review Signage at Boyce Greeley building

The board discussed the placement of a new sign on the Boyce Greeley building, a façade easement participant. Nancy Savage, the sign applicant, state the sign would be placed on the square atop the wooden column nearest the central entrance of the building. Motion by Woodside, second by Thompson, to approve the placement of the sign at the location stated by the applicant. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no, 1 excused.

Review Façade Easement Close-out Request at 910 N. Main (LA Bakery)

The completion of the façade restoration at L.A. Bakery building was reviewed. Motion by Woodside, second by Dunn, stating that the project was completed along the merits of the program and recommending close-out of the project. Motion passed 5 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained (Thompson).

2010 Façade Easement Program Information

Staff presented possible alterations to the future management of the easement program. Several options were discussed among the board. Motion by Woodside, second by Hieb, to make the following recommendations to the Planning department:

- Implement a completion deadline of December 31 of the year following the award. A commencement deadline of one year was recommended as an alternative.

- Requiring feasibility review for unoccupied projects or projects with suspected structural deficiencies.
- Requiring property owners to place “easement plaques” on the building upon completion of project. Cost of plaque not expected to be covered by property owner.
- That future awards be awarded to the project applicant (property owner) for the assigned property, not to the property itself.
- That the City could review and waive any of these provisions as they arise.

Further included in the motion were recommendations that the information sheet on the program be modified to clarify the selection process and program requirements; and to begin discussion of future changes to program parameters including geographic scope and program eligibility.

Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Work Planning for 2010

Staff noted that he will be presenting a work plan for adoption at the December meeting. The work plan would include both management of the CLG grant expenditures, as well as other tasks the board assigns to itself for promotion and education related to the preservation program, as well as continued implementation of the City’s ordinances on preservation. Staff will be collecting ideas via email in the interim.

CLG Grant Update

Staff noted three items related to the 2009-2010 CLG grant: 1) The East Sioux Falls survey was underway and being implemented through the City Park department; 2) there may be an opportunity to increase the CLG allocation by working with the Park department on preservation projects in the parks; and 3) the Planning department will begin implementing the remaining CLG projects in calendar year 2010.

Other / Open Discussion

Two old business items were discussed. Mary Glenski asked about the condition of 800 W. 10th Street and suggested the Tax Reduction Program as a possible means to help in the restoration of the property. There was a question about its eligibility because it was only three units.

103 S. Prairie was also discussed. Mary Glenski suggested that some Community Development programs might be able to mitigate some of the violations at this property. Motion by Woodside, second by Thompson, to further explore a Community Development programs for implementation at this property. Motion passed 6 yes, 0 no.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. upon motion by Gansz.